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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SECTION

CORRECTION - FORM NUMBERS - FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSPECTION SERVICE

Please correct the new number shown replacing FPI-17 - "Monthly Report, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard" from "FDA-3318" to "FDA-486." A complete list of these form numbers appeared in Administrative Letter No. 26, dated March 16, 1945.

W. C. Hasbrouck
Administrative Officer

MARKET NEWS DIVISION

AARON STAMBAUGH RETIRES

Aaron Stambaugh, who has been attached to the Washington Market News office since it was set up in 1915, is retiring around the middle of April after 39 years of government service. For many years he covered the Washington market and handled relief and seasonal field assignments. During these years he probably operated seasonal deals at more different points and relieved in more of our city offices than any other Market News man. The best wishes of the entire Division go to Aaron on his completion of a long and splendid record of government service.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS

Location	In Charge	Commodity	Probable Opening and Closing Dates
Belle Glade, Fla. West Lake Road	D. R. Hall	Misc. Vegs.	Mar. 26 - May 15
Crystal Springs, Miss. 412 P. O. Bldg.	C.B. Miller	Misc. Vegs.	Apr. 19 - June 22
Hammond, La. P. O. Building	B. I. Burrell	Strawberries	Mar. 19 - May 12
Hastings, Fla. Power & Light Bldg.	Jos. M. Roberts	Potatoes	Apr. 6 - May 19
Lakeland, Fla. P. O. Box 191	H. F. Willson	Citrus	Oct. 9 - June 30
Laredo, Texas Hamilton Hotel	E. E. Paulson	Onions	Apr. 10 - Apr. 27
Phoenix, Arizona 602 Security Bldg.	J. A. Hunter	Lettuce	Mar. 1 - Apr. 21
Plant City, Fla. P. O. Box 449	R. M. Peterson	Strawberries	Feb. 2 - May 1
Presque Isle, Me. Federal Bldg.	S. W. Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 12 - Apr. 30
Rochester, N. Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	A. L. Thomas	Misc. F & V	Aug. 28 - May 31
Sanford, Florida State Farmers Market	C. D. Sherman	Celery	Jan. 28 - May 31
Weslaco, Texas Post Office Bldg.	L. N. Gillespie	Citrus & Vegs.	Oct. 16 - May 31

Grand Rapids, Mich. closed April 11.

C. D. Schoolcraft, Chief.

FRESH PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

REPORTING QUALITY OF ROOTS OF BUNCHED VEGETABLES WHEN TOPS OR ROOTS ARE DAMAGED

When bunched vegetables, such as carrots, beets and turnips, fail to grade because of damaged roots or tops, the following typical grade statements applicable to the commodity can be used: "Carrots fail grade U. S. No. 1 account damaged tops but roots are approximately 85% U. S. No. 1 quality," or "Carrots fail grade U. S. No. 1 account damaged tops but roots are U. S. No. 1 quality".

The above supersedes instructions in the last two sentences in paragraph 66 of the "Market Inspection Handbook for Bunched Carrots" and paragraph 145 in the "Shipping Point Inspection Handbook for Bunched Carrots."

PUBLICATIONS SENT INSPECTORS:

Copies of U. S. Standards for Green Corn, effective March 12, 1945, U. S. Standards for Summer Squash, effective March 26, 1945 and Texas Brand Lists for the 1944-45 season have been sent to all inspectors.

TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Palm Theatre Bldg., Foley, Ala. Mail: P. O. Box 29. Telephone 218.

For Tennessee cabbage reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tenn. send wires Western Union as they have direct line there.

NOTES:

Mr. A. W. Gordon of the Chicago office will supervise the shipping point work in Tennessee this season.

Messrs. John E. Croon, David E. Giese and C.E. Verdoorn have been appointed Collaborators to assist Mr. G. W. Christenson in the Minneapolis office.

Mr. C.S. Lowthorp will arrive in Oklahoma City from Chicago about April 16 to take charge of our office there. He will also handle the shipping point inspection work formerly supervised by Mr. R. B. Landrum who has resigned. Messrs. Fain G. Cesar and Thomas C. Beck have been given Collaborator appointments and will assist Mr. Lowthorp with destination inspections.

Mr. Josef H. Grafues has reported to the Chicago office.

Mr. Dalton D. Frankenberg has been appointed a Collaborator to help with inspections in the Columbus office.

Word has just been received from Mr. J. E. Dickerson, in charge of our Indianapolis office, that his son, Robert Dickerson, was killed in action in Belgium January 15.

E.E. Conklin, Chief.

VEGETABLE MARKETING DIVISION

VEGETABLE MARKETING: The large Texas tomato crop is beginning to move in volume with prices still fairly high. Delay in volume movement of Texas onions, lower yields reported and reduced acreage of late spring crop have tended to moderately strengthen the market for the remaining old crop onions, particularly good cold storage stock. During the last two weeks 55 cars of New York onions were purchased for relief distribution. Carrots continue in heavy supply but requirements for canners and purchases of nearly 400 cars in Texas for school lunch and relief purchases have steadied the market. With reduction in cabbage movement from Florida and Texas, prices of southern cabbage have strengthened. Lettuce and most desirable varieties of snap beans are at ceiling. Due to lower yields on some vegetable crops as reported April 9 by BAE, particularly eggplant, peppers and Texas onions, consideration is being given to minor adjustments in ceiling prices.

GROWER PRICES FOR MINOR VEGETABLES FOR CANNING

WFA and OPA has announced designated grower prices for minor vegetables for canning (press release dated March 27, 1945). These prices will be used by OPA as the maximum raw material costs to be reflected in the 1945 ceiling prices of the canned products. If a canner pays less than these prices to the grower he will have to reduce his ceiling prices of the canned product accordingly. The delivery point for these vegetables for canning is considered to be the canner's plant or major assembly point, whichever has been customarily used by growers or canners.

CERTIFICATION OF CANNERS

Since asparagus, lima beans, beets, carrots, pumpkins, squash, spinach and cabbage for kraut are included in WFA's canned foods guaranty purchase or "floor price" program, these vegetables have been added to the "1945 Canners' Certification Program." The certification previously announced included only the four major vegetables (corn, peas, tomatoes, snap beans). The certification procedure for the minor vegetables is the same as for the major vegetables, except it will not be necessary for the canner to show that he has attempted to operate his plant to capacity.

L. S. Fenn, Chief.

FRUIT MARKETING DIVISION

EASTERN APPLE PURCHASE

Purchases of Eastern apples for the school lunch program and for other approved uses totalled 670,740 bushels through April 10. Of this quantity, 152,112 bushels were U. S. No. 1, 2-2-1/4 inches in diameter at $1.50 per bushel, and 518,628 bushels were Combination U. S. No. 1 and U. S. Utility or better grades, 2-1/4 inches minimum diameter at $1.75 per bushel. This purchase program is continuing.

INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Members of the Red Sour Cherry Industry Advisory Committee will meet with representatives of OPA and WFA on April 16 to discuss ceiling price regulations and other industry problems for the 1945 season. Similar meetings will be held with members of the Fresh Apple Industry Advisory Committee on April 17 and 18, and with members of the Concord Grape Producer-Processor Industry Advisory Committee on April 23.

Meetings of representatives of OPA and WFA with members of the fresh berry, pear, apricot, plum, prune, sweet cherry, peach, table grape, and juice grape Industry Advisory Committees of growers and shippers have been concluded and OPA and WFA are now considering ceiling price regulations, or revision of the existing regulations for the 1945 season.

D. F. McMillen, Chief.

PROCESSED PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

An indoctrination course for prospective processed products inspectors was held at the Pennsylvania State College, March 27 through 30. Mrs. Elinore T. Linderer and Mrs. Carol P. Wagner conducted the session and cooperated with the college in making it possible for students from the following Pennsylvania

Indiana State Teachers College
Cedar Crest College
Mt. Mercy College
Juniata College
Villa Maria College
Seton Hill College

Several students from the New Jersey State College for Women also attended.

The enrollment for the short course was fifty-five women, principally Home Economics graduates.

Mr. E. H. Bagley and Mr. Thomas K. Miller conducted an indoctrination course for prospective processed foods inspectors at Ohio State University from March 19 through March 22. Various members of the Columbus office assisted in presenting lectures and demonstrations to the nine women in attendance.

F. L. Southerland, Acting Chief.

MARKET NEWS (Cont'd)

SUPPLEMENT TO T & V PAGE OF CODE:

A new supplement to the price page was recently sent to all offices. The only revision on this page was to change the meaning of OK from "air conditioning $25.00 per car extra" to read "air conditioning $___ per car extra".

C. D. Schoolcraft, Chief.

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